

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
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History 901 Seminar in American Urban History Mr. Schultz

Required Texts:

- David R. Goldfield and Blaine A. Brownell, Urban America: From Downtown to No Town (1979)
Kenneth A. Lockridge, A New England Town: The First Hundred Years (1970)
Richard C. Wade, The Urban Frontier: The Rise of Western Cities, 1790-1830 (1959)
Morton and Lucia White, The Intellectual Versus the City (1962)
Sam B. Warner, Jr., Streetcar Suburbs: The Process of Growth in Boston, 1870-1900 (1962)

Recommended Texts: (Syntheses, Readers, Bibliographies)

Syntheses

- Howard P. Chudacoff, The Evolution of American Urban Society (2d ed., 1981)
Charles N. Glaab and A. Theodore Brown, A History of Urban America (3d ed., 1983)
Bayrd Still, Urban America: A History with Documents (1974)
Sam Bass Warner, Jr., The Urban Wilderness: A History of the American City (1972)
Zane L. Miller, The Urbanization of Modern America: A Brief History (1973)
Blake McKelvey, American Urbanization; A Comparative History (1973)

Readers

- Kenneth T. Jackson and Stanley K. Schultz (eds.), Cities in American History (1972)
Allen M. Wakstein (ed.), The Urbanization of America: An Historical Anthology (1970)
Raymond A. Mohl and Neil Betten (eds.), Urban America in Historical Perspective (1970)
Alexander B. Callow, Jr. (ed.), American Urban History: An Interpretive Reader with Commentaries (3d ed., 1982)
Raymond A. Mohl and James F. Richardson (eds.), The Urban Experience: Themes in American History (1973)

Bibliographies

[All works cited above under "Syntheses" and "Readers" contain useful bibliographies. In addition see:]

- John D. Buenker, et al. (eds.), Urban History: A Guide to Information Sources (1981)
- Barbara Smith Shearer and Benjamin F. Shearer (eds.), Periodical Literature on United States Cities: A Bibliography and Subject Guide (1983)
- Neil L. Shumsky and Timothy Crimmins (eds.) Urban America: A Historical Bibliography (1983)
- Howard Gillette, Jr. and Zane L. Miller (eds.), American Urbanism: A Historiographical Review (1987)

Course Outline

1. Introduction: The Study of Urban History Jan. 20
(no reading assigned)
2. Intellectual and Cultural Responses to the City Jan. 27
Core Reading: Whites, Intellectual Versus the City
Additional Reading:
 1. George Dunlap, The City in the American Novel, 1789-1900 (1934)
 2. Blanche H. Gelfant, The American City Novel (1954)
 3. Anselm Strauss, Images of the American City (1961)
 4. Robert H. Walker, "The Poet and the Rise of the City," MVHR, XLIV [XLIX?] (1962), 85-99.
 5. David R. Weimer, The City as Metaphor (1966)
 6. Lewis Mumford, "Utopia, The City and the Machine," in Frank E. Manuel (ed.) Utopias and Utopian Thought (1966), pp. 3-24.
 7. Eugene Arden, "The Evil City in American Fiction," New York History, XXXV (1954), 259-79.
 8. Janis P. Stout, Sodoms in Eden: The City in American Fiction Before 1860 (1976)
 9. Thomas Bender, Toward an Urban Vision: Ideas and Institutions in Nineteenth-Century America (1975)
 10. Glenn H. Blayney, "City Life in American Drama, 1825-1860," in A. Dayle Wallace and Woodburn O. Ross (eds.), Studies in Honor of John Wilcox (1958)
 11. John L. Thomas, "Utopian for an Urban Age: Henry George, Henry Demarest Lloyd, Edward Bellamy," Perspectives in American History, VI (1972), 135-63.
 12. Leo Marx, The Machine in the Garden (1964)
 13. Michael H. Cowan, City of the West: Emerson, America, and Urban Metaphor (1967)
 14. Adrienne Siegel, The Image of the American City in Popular Literature, 1820-1870 (1981)
 15. John J. McDermott, "Nature Nostalgia and the City: An American Dilemma," in Sallie Teselle (ed.), The Family, Communes, and Utopian Societies (1972?)
 16. Mary C. Henderson, The City and the Theatre (1973)

17.	Raymond Williams, <u>The Country and the City</u> (1973)		
18.	Vincent Scully, <u>American Architecture and Urbanism</u> (1969)		
19.	Parke Dixon Goist, <u>From Main Street to State Street</u> (1977)		
20.	David M. Fine, <u>The City, The Immigrant, and American Fiction, 1880-1920</u> (1977)		
21.	James L. Machor, <u>Pastoral Cities: Urban Ideals and the Symbolic Landscape of America</u> (1987)		
3.	Communities and Families in Colonial America _____	Feb.	3
	Core Reading: Lockridge, <u>New England Town</u>		
4.	The City in Colonial America	Feb.	10
5.	Cities in an Expanding Nation	Feb.	17
	Core Reading: Wade, <u>Urban Frontier</u>		
6.	Cities in the Old South	Feb.	24
7.	Immigration to Urban America	Mar.	2
8.	Urban Institutions (Asylums, Schools, Police, Fire, Prisons, etc.)	Mar.	9
9.	* * * NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK - * * *	Mar.	16
10.	Work and the Conditions of Labor	Mar.	23
11.	The Rise of the Black Ghetto	Mar.	30
12.	City Bosses and Urban Reform	Apr.	6
13.	The Expanding Metropolis: Suburbanization	Apr.	13
	Core Reading: Warner, <u>Streetcar Suburbs</u>		
14.	The Federal Government and the Cities	Apr.	20
15.	Cities in Post World War II America	Apr.	27
	Core Reading: Hirsch, <u>Making the Second Ghetto</u>		
16.	To be discussed	May	4

Your Name: _____

Title: [Goldfield, David R. and Brownell, Blaine A., Urban America: From Downtown to No Town (Boston, 1979) or, Bittick, Marvin C., "Cities I Have Hated," Journal of Absurd History, XII (May, 1982), 647-698.]

Subject: [e.g. Immigration, Blacks, Communities, Politics, etc.]

Major Points or Argument: